

Clean Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A container for dispensing fluid comprising;

a channel formed into a surface of said container, said channel positioned proximate to a threaded neck member having an orifice for dispensing a liquid, said channel having first and second openings formed in opposite surfaces thereof at a first end of said channel;

a one piece gate valve member slideably positioned in said channel;

wherein only a first end of said gate valve member is acutely angled with respect to a remaining portion of said gate valve, said acute angle formed in a first direction;

wherein said gate valve member further comprises a handle formed at a second end of said gate valve member said handle formed in a direction opposite said first direction;and

wherein said gate valve member is composed of a resiliently deformable material operative to provide an interference fit for providing a seal between said gate valve member and said channel.

2. (Original) The container of claim 1 wherein said channel has a shape that generally follows a contour of said container.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The container of claim 1 further comprising captive retaining means operative to prevent said gate valve member from being completely withdrawn from said channel.

5. (Original) The container of claim 4 further comprising retaining tabs located on said gate valve member, said tabs reversibly mateable with complementary locking notches formed into said channel.

6. (Original) The container of claim 1 further comprising fail safe biasing means operative to position said gate valve member in a normally closed position thereby blocking a flow of fluid until said gate valve member is intentionally actuated by an operator.

7. (Original) The container of claim 6 wherein said biasing means comprises a spring.

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